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NOTE FOR D/NPIC

John,

1. Attached is a draft of a memorandum I am proposing to distribute, and the principal documents that were considered at USIB and are the basis for current planning for T-K modification. The two-page gist "DCI PROPOSALS . . ." attached (last Tab in this package) to the Director's memorandum to Kissinger will be the basis on which we proceed, if the President approves.

2. As you see in the USIB Minutes (10 September), "COMIREX will prepare the detailed specific directives to insure proper implementation . . ."; and that is the course on which I want to begin moving. Nothing formal until Presidential approval, but as much pre-planning as possible to move quickly, assuming approval.

3. The major difference between the initial USIB action and the final proposal involved the NOFORN question and is covered in the 20 September USIB Minutes.

4. With respect to my draft memo, I would appreciate any comments you might have. I envisage the Steering Group as being comprised of yourself--representing NPIC--along with [] and [] for CIA and DIA respectively and [] for the NRO. I would also ask [] to serve with us as security advisor. I feel a small group of this caliber is essential to effectively oversee the broad-ranging and complex responsibilities involved in this task. I visualize the Steering Group needing to meet only occasionally for an hour or two to review and oversee any general or policy questions which may come up. The principal formal actions, etc., would be handled through COMIREX.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Imagery Requirements
and Exploitation

SUBJECT : Modification of the TALENT-KEYHOLE
Controls for the Products of Photographic
Reconnaissance Satellites

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-46.2/22, 29 March 1973
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b. USIB-D-46.2/25, 10 September 1973
25X1A [redacted] (attached to C-1)

c. Memorandum for Holders of
25X1A USIB-D-46.2/25, 20 September 1973
[redacted] (attached to C-1)

1. Reference a. proposal on this subject was endorsed by USIB on 10 September 1973 (reference b.) and appropriate Presidential approval is now being sought (reference c.). The Board's action (reference b.) provided that COMIREX will prepare the detailed specific directives to insure the proper implementation of the new control policy.

2. To be certain we are prepared to move rapidly with this task when finally approved, initial planning should begin immediately. Recognizing the close attention and specialized focus required for this effort, and to assure broad and effective community participation and coordination, I propose to implement the following action plan.

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3. A COMIREX T-KH Modification Working Group will be formed and function on a full-time basis to develop the draft directives, uniform guidelines, and ground rules. The Group would consist of specialists from various agencies and departments and would be composed of personnel heading up task teams in a number of areas.

a. Community/Government "announcement-background" directives (T-KH and S/NF) will have to be prepared and disseminated. Office of Security/CIA will chair this activity.

b. Restricted technical data elements bearing on system capabilities and quality must be identified and operational impact guidelines will have to be prepared and disseminated. This task team will be chaired by a representative from the NRO.

c. Index/mapping camera subsystem materials and obsolete systems materials will require detailed procedural guidelines for decompartmentation and use outside the T-KH system. The task team in this area will be chaired by NPIC, working closely with DMA and DIA.

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d. A complete revision to the T-KH Sanitization and Control Manual will be required which will outline all of the procedural aspects for handling materials under the new policy. This task team would be chaired by the Chairman of the COMIREX SDWG, working closely with DIA.

e. Guidelines for defining sensitive substantive content, review, and control procedures and criteria will need to be drawn up. The task team in this area should be chaired by a representative from an intelligence production component.

4. The documentation prepared by these various task teams will be consolidated and coordinated by the T-KH Modification Working Group and reviewed and approved by COMIREX. Principal documentation or actions will be forwarded to the USIB for approval, noting, or information as appropriate.

5. I propose to meet with senior representatives from CIA, DIA, NPIC, and the NRO from time to time, as an ad hoc steering group, to review progress and provide substantive guidance and the opportunity for review of policy-related issues, if any, as they arise.

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Chairman

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation